Delegation to Sydney Olympics

*220. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenditure on our official delegation to Sydney Olympics included contingencies also;

(b) if so, how much was spent on this account;

(c) what were the contingencies on which expenses were incurred; and

(d) how much was sanctioned to IOA and how much was spent on official delegation to the Sydney Olympics?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per Government of India Rules, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports was provided Rs. 1,600/- towards contingency @ Rs. 100/- per day. This amount was required tc meet the contingent expenditure during the deputation abroad by the Minister.

(d) No amount was sanctioned to IOA. However, IOA was reimbursed Rs. 15.00 lakhs towards arranging tickets for various events and accommodation for Official Delegation. The total expenditure on the Government Official Delegation will be around Rs. 67.03 lakhs.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Control on insecticide treated seeds

1464. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insecticides treated seeds have led to death of a large number of peacocks and other birds and animals; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would control and regulate the manufacture and use of chemicals, fertilizers and insecticides in a manner as to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Ministry of Environment & Forests has received reports of deaths of peacocks due to consumption of pesticiude treated seeds in the agricultural fields, The list of peacocks that have been reported to have died because of consuming pesticide/ insecticide treated seed is enclosed Statement (*See* Below)

(b) Government of India has enacted a comprehensive legislation called the "Insecticides Act, 1968" which *inter alia* regulates the manufacture, transport, distribution and use of pesticides with a view to prevent risk to human beings, animals, birds and the environment. Moreover, the pesticides are registered under this comprehensive legislation after a detailed evaluation regarding their safety to the human beings, animals, birds and the environment. Pesticides, thus registered, if used as per the Good Agricultural Practice and prescribed manner, are not likely to cause any death of any animals and birds including peacock.

Statement

List of Peacocks reported to have died due to consuming pesticide/ insecticide treated seed

State	Year	Peacocks died due to consuming pesticides/ insecticide treated seeds
Haryana	1998	10
Haryana	1999	2
Haryana	2000	10
Rajasthan	1998	4
Rajasthan	1999	7
Rajasthan	2000	18
Rajasthan	2001	20
Gujarat	1999-2000	3
Gujarat	2000-2001	4
Total		78